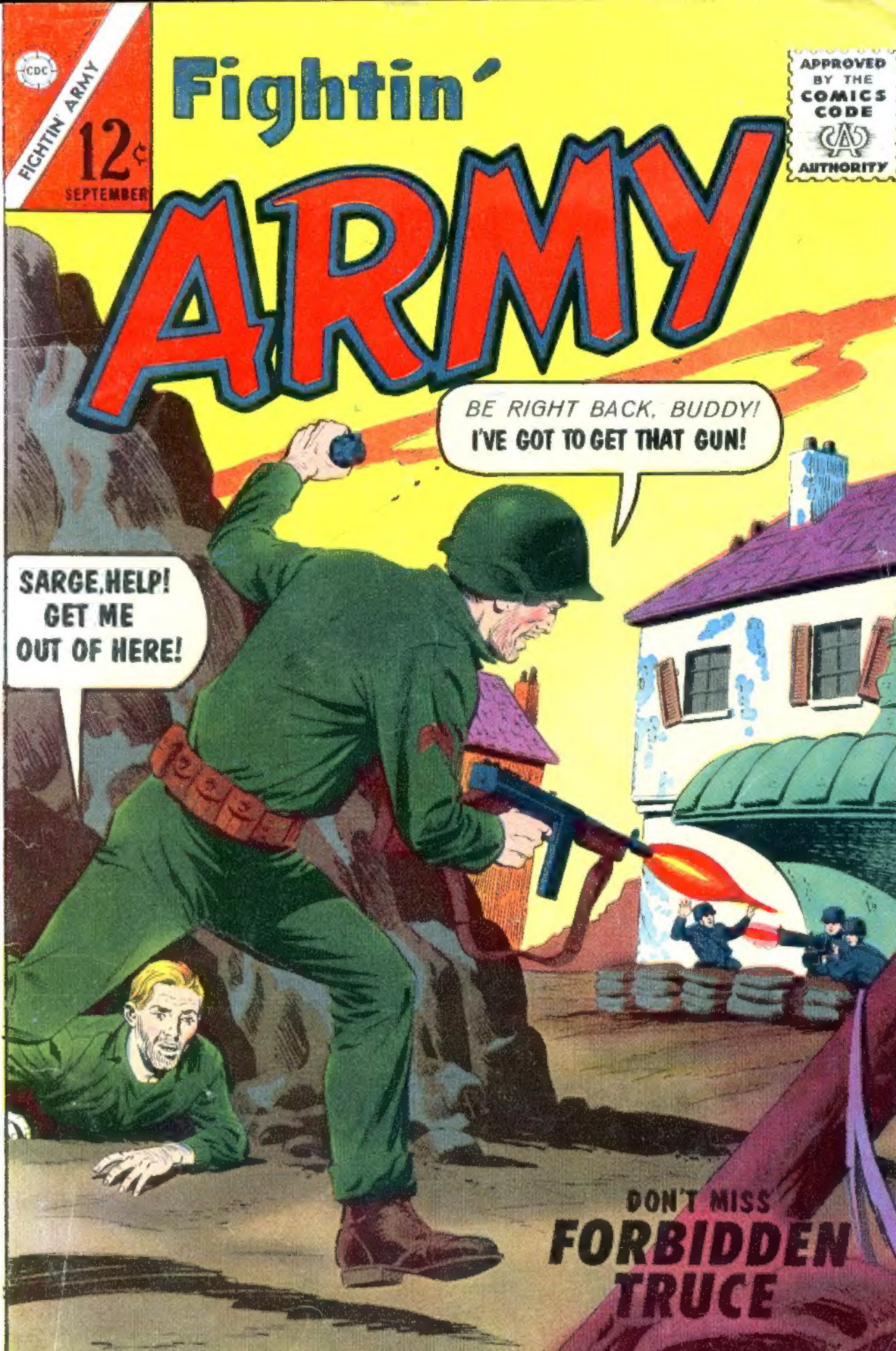
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THE FOLLOWING STORY IS FICTIONAL BUT IT A STORY THAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE TAKEN PLACE/ CAPT. JAY RAND, LIEUT. CORT STEAVENS AND SGT. AL PRINCE TOOK A MOMENT FROM THEIR HURRIED ESCAPE TO WATCH THE FINAL DETAIL IN THEIR MISSION... THESE THREE MEN ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF THE MOST DARING ASSIGNMENTS CONCEIVED SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR...THEIR SUCCESS MAY HAVE NARROWLY AVERTED THE BEGINNING OF A THIRD...

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SEVERAL WEEKS EARLIER AT GENERAL MASON'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON...

GENERAL, WE'RE FACING A VERY GREAT PROBLEM/ OUR SURVEILLANCE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW A DANGEROUS FORCE OF RUSSIAN MISSILES BEING INSTALLED ON AN OBSCURE CARIBBEAN ISLAND/ IT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE THAT ONE INSTALLATION IN PARTICULAR BE DESTROYED...

I WANT A GROUP OF THREE SPECIALLY-QUALIFIED MEN BROUGHT TO WASHINGTON/ THEY MUST ALL SPEAK RUSSIAN AND SPANISH FLUENTLY/ AT LEAST ONE MUST BE AN OFFICER/ ANOTHER A DEMOLITION EXPERT/ THE THIRD FAMILIAR WITH COMMUNIST ICBMS/

EVERY MILITARY FILE WILL BE EXAMINED TO FIND THESE MEN, GENERAL MASON/

GEN. DOUGLAS BROUGHT HIS SPECIFICATION TO RON KENMORE, CHIEF OF THE COMPUTING DEPARTMENT AT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION...

IT WON'T TAKE LONG, GENERAL/ WITHIN A FEW HOURS THESE ELECTRONIC MARVELS WILL SORT OUT MILLIONS OF CARDS WITH THE ENTIRE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF EVERY SOLDIER IN THE ARMED FORCES...

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THAT EVENING THREE NAMES WERE DELIVERED BY SPECIAL MESSENGER TO THE OFFICE OF GEN. DOUGLAS... THESE THREE MEN WERE SELECTED OUT OF THOUSANDS OF POSSIBILITIES AS HAVING THE GREATEST QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO MEET THE NECESSARY REQUIRMENTS STIPULATED BY GENERAL MASON...

AMONG THE THREE WAS LIEUT. CORT STEAVENS, TRAINING INSTRUCTOR AT CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA...

YOU MEN ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS A LAUNCHING OF AN INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE/ AT THE END OF YOUR EXTENSIVE TRAINING PERIOD EACH OF YOU WILL BE EXPERT IN VARIOUS PHASES OF THIS COUNTRY'S MISSILE PROGRAM...

EXCUSE ME, SIR/ MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE/ I WAS TOLD TO INFORM YOU IT WAS MOST URGENT, SIR/

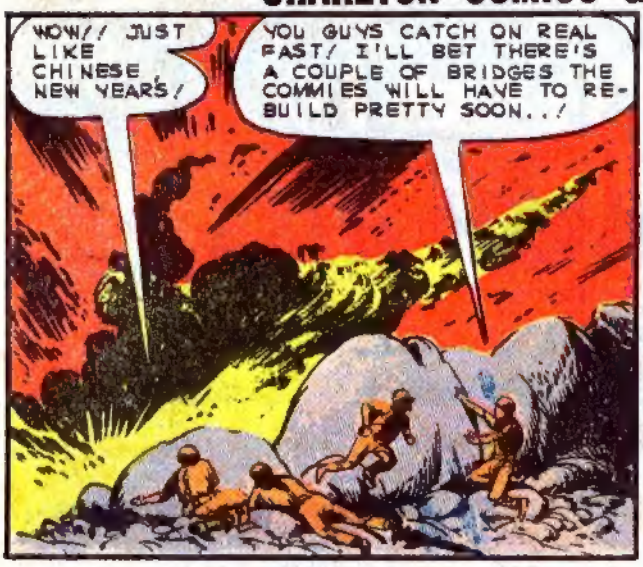
THANK YOU, CORPORAL/

CAPT. JAY RAND WAS SUMMONED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW...

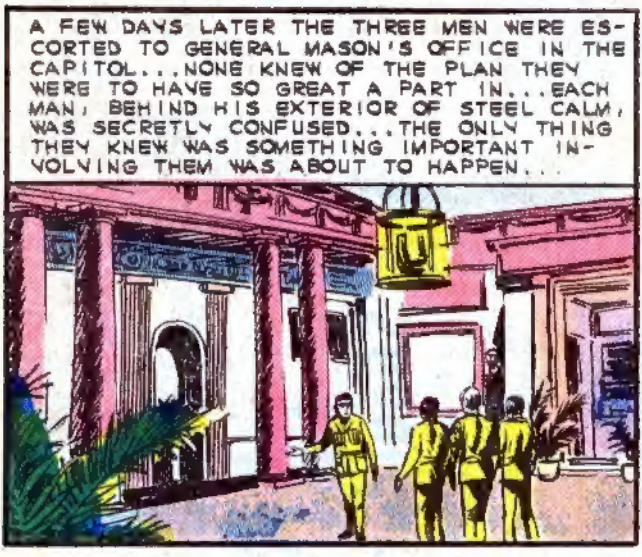
CAPT. RAND, I HAVE TOP LEVEL ORDERS FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO WASHINGTON/ YOU ARE TO BE PREPARED TO LEAVE WITHIN THE HOUR/

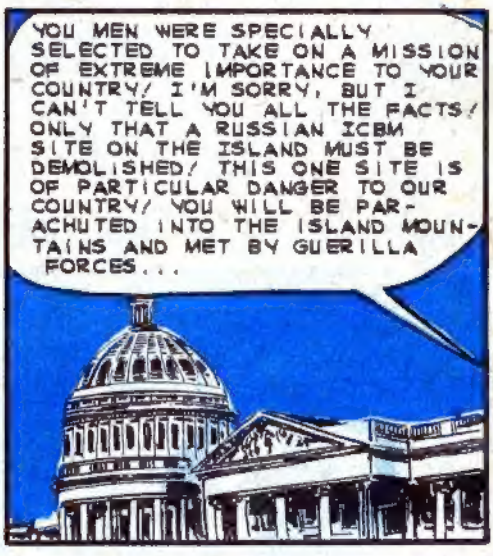
ON THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA OFF THE COAST OF CHINA, SGT. AL PRINCE TEACHES A GROUP OF CHINESE NATIONALISTS A FEW OF THE FINER POINTS IN DETONATING HIGH EXPLOSIVES...

OKAY, FELLAS/ HOOK UP THOSE WIRES THE WAY I SHOWED YOU/ MAKE BELIEVE IT'S FOR KEEPS/


WOW!/ JUST LIKE CHINESE NEW YEAR'S/
YOU GUYS CATCH ON REAL FAST/ I'LL BET THERE'S A COUPLE OF BRIDGES THE COMMIES WILL HAVE TO REBUILD PRETTY SOON../

NICE GOING, PRINCE/ BUT I'M AFRAID THAT WAS YOUR LAST BLAST HERE FOR A WHILE/ SPECIAL ORDERS JUST CAME IN FOR YOU TO BE SHIPPED BACK TO THE STATES/
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG, MAJOR??


A FEW DAYS LATER THE THREE MEN WERE ESCORTED TO GENERAL MASON'S OFFICE IN THE CAPITOL...NONE KNEW OF THE PLAN THEY WERE TO HAVE SO GREAT A PART IN...EACH MAN, BEHIND HIS EXTERIOR OF STEEL CALM, WAS SECRETLY CONFUSED...THE ONLY THING THEY KNEW WAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT INVOLVING THEM WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...


YOU MEN WERE SPECIALLY SELECTED TO TAKE ON A MISSION OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO YOUR COUNTRY/ I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU ALL THE FACTS/ ONLY THAT A RUSSIAN ICBM SITE ON THE ISLAND MUST BE DEMOLISHED/ THIS ONE SITE IS OF PARTICULAR DANGER TO OUR COUNTRY/ YOU WILL BE PARACHUTED INTO THE ISLAND MOUNTAINS AND MET BY GUERILLA FORCES...

AT THEIR HIDEOUT LOCATED NEAR THE MISSILE SITE, YOU WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH RUSSIAN UNIFORMS OF YOUR OWN RANK AND RUSSIAN MILITARY CREDENTIALS, ALONG WITH A JEEP/ YOUR OBJECTIVE IS TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE SITE UNDER THE PRETENSE OF A SURPRISE INSPECTION...WHEN YOU LEAVE, THE INSTALLATION MUST BE IN RUINS/ IF THERE ARE ANY DOUBTS IN YOUR MINDS, SPEAK NOW...VERY WELL/ GOOD LUCK, MEN//

SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER THE CAREFULLY BRIEFED MEN WERE DROPPED OVER A PRE-ARRANGED MOUNTAIN AREA...
GENTS, I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MOUNTAINS/
DON'T FORGET TO YELL GERONIMO, CAPTAIN/

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22. What In The World's Come Over You
23. Baby You Got What It Takes
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26. Take Good Care Of My Baby
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28. My True Story
29. Without You
30. Harbor Lights
31. Wild One
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33. Mama
34. O Dio Mio
35. I Love The Way You Love
36. Tall Oak Tree
37. Burning Bridges
38. When You Wish Upon A Star
39. The Madison
40. Good Timin'
41. Cradle Of Love
42. Let The Little Girl Dance
43. You Can Depend On Me
44. Some Kind Of Wonderful
45. Daddy's Home
46. The Continental Walk
47. A Little Bitty Tear
48. I Know
49. Norman
50. The Peppermint Twist
51. Dear Ivan
52. The Wanderer
53. Mama Said
54. Runnin' Scared
55. Volare
56. All My Love
57. Dreamin'
58. Kiddio
59. Ta Ta
60. Yogi
61. You Talk Too Much
62. Georgia On My Mind
63. Blue Angel
64. Stay
65. Artificial Flowers
66. Poetry In Motion
67. Wonderland By Night
68. Ruby
69. Good Luck Charm
70. Slow Twistin'
71. Johnny Angel
72. Sherry
73. It Might As Well Rain Until Sept.
74. Venus In Blue Jeans
75. Your Nose Is Gonna Grow
76. Holly Gully Baby
77. Patches
78. When My Little Girl Is Smiling
79. Dear One
80. Ginny Come Lately
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83. Rubber Ball
84. Angel Baby
85. Emotions
86. Wheels
87. Baby Sittin' Boogie
88. Where The Boys Are
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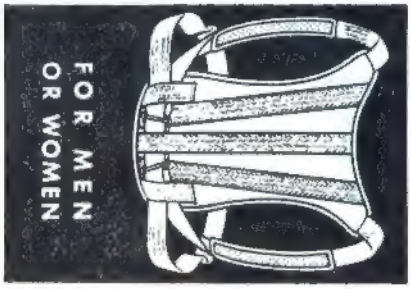

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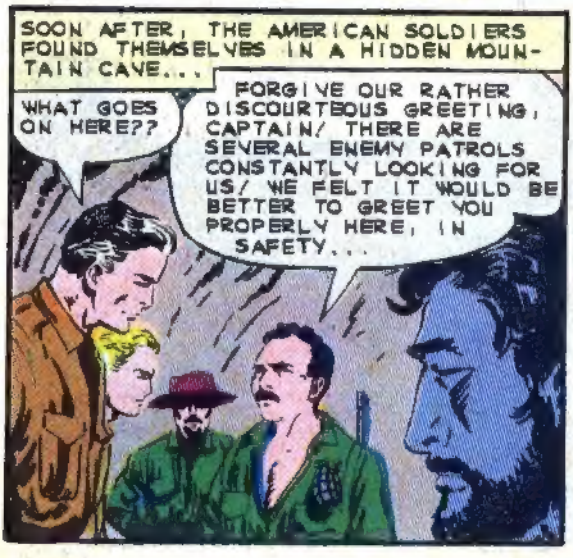
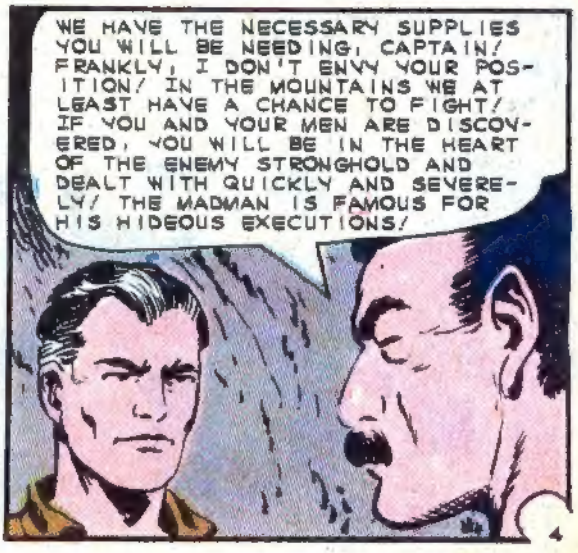
US AIR FORCE

ON THE GROUND THE THREE MEN QUICKLY ORGANIZED...
LET'S GET THESE CHUTES BURIED/ I HOPE OUR CONTACTS ARE NEARBY/
I'VE GOT THE SUPPLIES, CAPTAIN, I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE AROUND/

SUDDENLY, THE THREE MEN WERE SURROUNDED BY HALF A DOZEN ARMED GUERILLAS...
DON'T MOVE, YANKEE/ YOU'RE COVERED BY MANY GUNS/
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?


SOON AFTER, THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS FOUND THEMSELVES IN A HIDDEN MOUNTAIN CAVE...
WHAT GOES ON HERE??
FORGIVE OUR RATHER DISCOURTEOUS GREETING, CAPTAIN/ THERE ARE SEVERAL ENEMY PATROLS CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR US/ WE FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GREET YOU PROPERLY HERE, IN SAFETY...

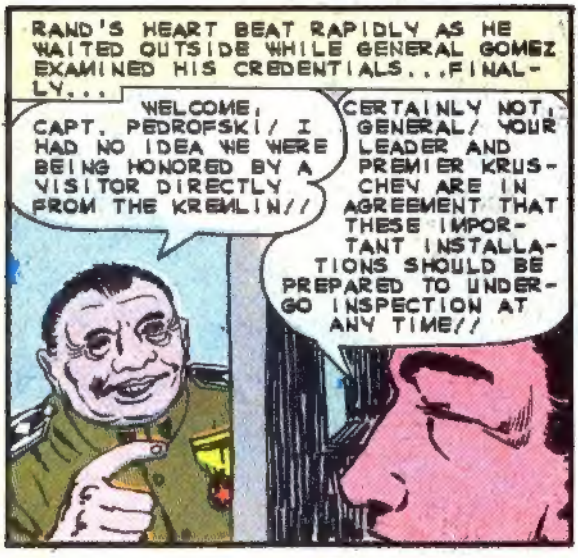

WE HAVE THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES YOU WILL BE NEEDING, CAPTAIN/ FRANKLY, I DON'T ENVY YOUR POSITION/ IN THE MOUNTAINS WE AT LEAST HAVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT/ IF YOU AND YOUR MEN ARE DISCOVERED, YOU WILL BE IN THE HEART OF THE ENEMY STRONGHOLD AND DEALT WITH QUICKLY AND SEVERELY/ THE MADMAN IS FAMOUS FOR HIS HIDEOUS EXECUTIONS/

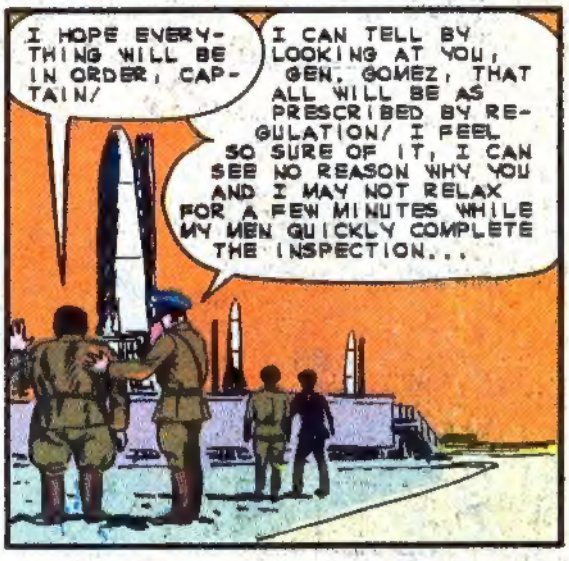
WE WON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, COLONEL PEREZ/ MY MEN AND I DON'T PLAN ON BEING CAUGHT/ YOU HAVE THE RUSSIAN UNIFORMS AND CREDENTIALS?
CERTAINLY, CAPTAIN/ WE, TOO, ARE COMPLETELY PREPARED/ MAY I SAY, I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE/
THE NEXT MORNING...
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER I'D SHOOT YOU ON THE SPOT/ YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE RUSSIAN SOLDIERS/
I HOPE THE RUSSIANS THINK SO, COLONEL/
EACH OF THESE CASES CONTAINS THE MATERIAL WE NEED TO HANDLE THE JOB/ AT THE RIGHT TIME, CAPT. RAND, YOU'LL WANT YOUR AIDE, THAT'S ME, TO CARRY IT FOR YOU/
GOOD LUCK, YANKEES// I HOPE I SEE YOU THIS AFTERNOON/
I HAVE THE TIMING MECHANISM IN YOUR CASE, LIEUTENANT. THE WAY IT'S SET, WE HAVE EXACTLY THIRTY MINUTES TO GET OUT OF THERE FROM THE TIME I RELEASE THE DETONATOR UNTIL THE PLACE GOES UP/
IT'S PLAYING IT CLOSE, SERGEANT, BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT/
THE JEEP WAS HALTED BY A BAND OF GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS...
BASTA// A DONDE USTEDES??
HE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING/ GIVE HIM THOSE PAPERS/

THE SOLDIER CURIOUSLY EXAMINED THE PAPERS...THEN SHOUTED...
PAPELES NO BUENO/ VENGAMOS A MI CAPITAN//
HOLY COW/ HE CAN'T READ/ DO YOU WANT THIS REPETITION? HE WANTS TO TAKE US TO HIS CAPTAIN/ WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
WE CAN'T START MAKING EXPLANATIONS TO THE WHOLE ARMY/
SUDDENLY PEREZ AND HIS GUERILLA FORCE ONCE AGAIN APPEARED FROM NOWHERE...
IT'S PEREZ// MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE HIM/
GO, AMIGOS// WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THESE TYRANT LOVERS//
RATATA
POW
WITH DEDICATED FIGHTERS LIKE PEREZ, THE ISLAND WON'T BE UNDER THE GRIP OF THE MADMAN FOR LONG/ FREEDOM-LOVING MEN WILL HAVE THEIR COUNTRY BACK, AND THE COMMIES WILL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER HOLE TO CRAWL INTO/
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
HERE WE GO, MEN/ THIS IS THE LAST STOP/ KEEP A DEADPAN FACE AND LET ME DO MOST OF THE TALKING/ WITH A LITTLE LUCK WE CAN BE OUT IN AN HOUR, AND THE COMMIES WILL BE MINUS AN ICBM BASE/

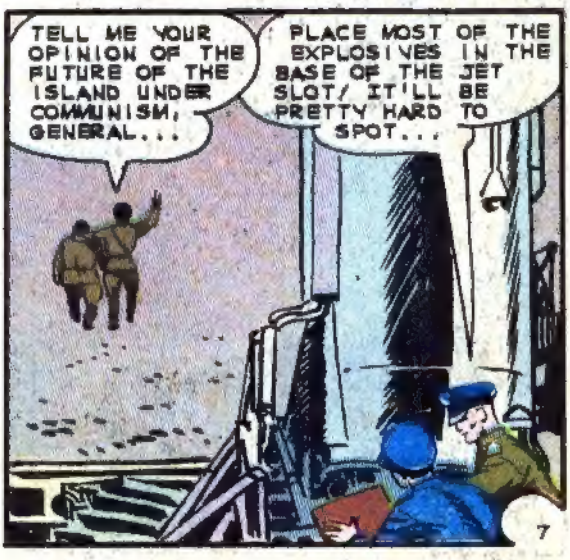
YOUR PAPERS, SIR/
EXAMINE THEM CAREFULLY, SERGEANT/ WE MUST SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THESE UNDISCIPLINED ISLANDERS/ BUT ALSO BE QUICK/ I HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME TO WASTE/

THE PAPERS ARE IN ORDER, SIR/ CAN I BE OF SERVICE?.
I WISH TO BE TAKEN TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER IMMEDIATELY//


RAND'S HEART BEAT RAPIDLY AS HE WAITED OUTSIDE WHILE GENERAL GOMEZ EXAMINED HIS CREDENTIALS...FINALLY...
WELCOME, CAPT. PEDROFSKI/ I HAD NO IDEA WE WERE BEING HONORED BY A VISITOR DIRECTLY FROM THE KREMLIN//
CERTAINLY NOT, GENERAL/ YOUR LEADER AND PREMIER KRUSCHEV ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THESE IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERGO INSPECTION AT ANY TIME//


I HOPE EVERYTHING WILL BE IN ORDER, CAPTAIN/
I CAN TELL BY LOOKING AT YOU, GEN. GOMEZ, THAT ALL WILL BE AS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATION/ I FEEL SO SURE OF IT, I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY YOU AND I MAY NOT RELAX FOR A FEW MINUTES WHILE MY MEN QUICKLY COMPLETE THE INSPECTION...

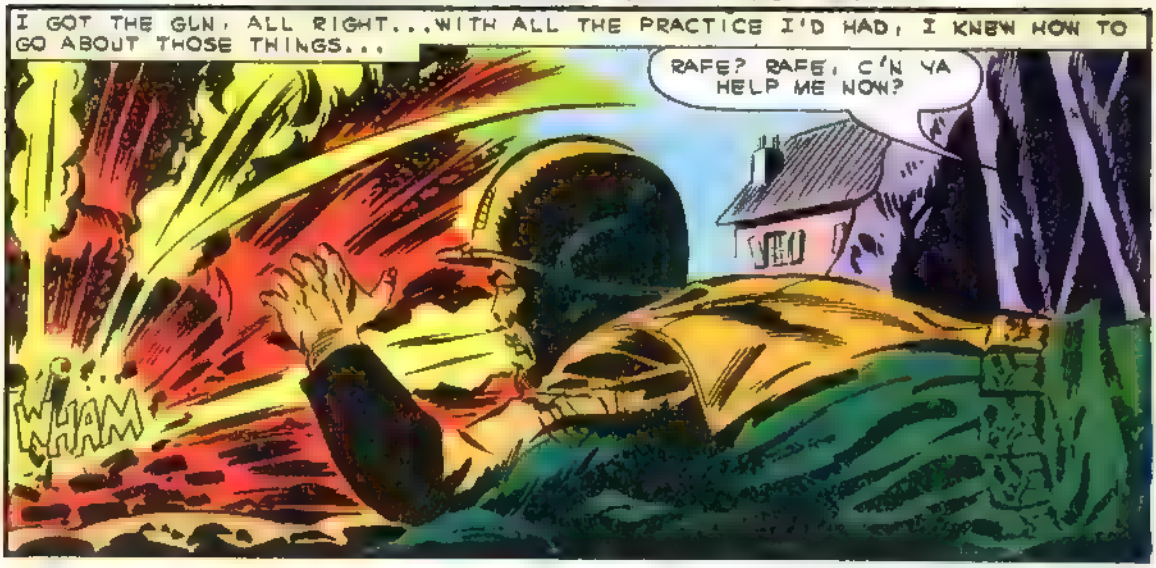
TAKE THIS, SERGEANT/ ASSIST LIEUT. ROMKIN IN THE INSPECTION/ THE GENERAL AND I WILL BE NEARBY/ CALL ME WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED/
CAPTAIN, YOUR COMPLIMENTS MAKE ME FEEL OVERJOYED/


TELL ME YOUR OPINION OF THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND UNDER COMMUNISM, GENERAL...
PLACE MOST OF THE EXPLOSIVES IN THE BASE OF THE JET SLOT/ IT'LL BE PRETTY HARD TO SPOT...

THE MISSILE AND DEMOLITION EXPERTS WORKED FEVERISHLY TO COMPLETE THE JOB WITHOUT BEING CONSPICUOUS...
THIS IS IT, LIEUTENANT/ THE FINAL DETONATOR IS IN PLACE/ WE'VE GOT LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES TO CLEAR OUT//
LET'S GET THE CAPTAIN AND GET OUT OF HERE/
EXCUSE ME, SIR/ THE INSPECTION IS COMPLETE/ EVERYTHING IS IN PERFECT ORDER/
GOOD/ I THOUGHT AS MUCH/ THE GENERAL IS A VERY EFFICIENT MAN/
I'M SORRY WE CAN'T SPEND MORE TIME CHATTING, GENERAL/ BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS/ I HAVE SEVERAL OTHER STOPS TO MAKE BEFORE I RETURN/
I UNDERSTAND, CAPTAIN/ IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE HAVING YOU HERE/
PUT A MOVE ON, PRINCE/ THAT DUMB GENERAL MAY WAKE UP FROM THAT SNOW-JOB I GAVE HIM AND REALIZE WHAT A JERK HE REALLY IS//
I DISAGREE, CAPTAIN/ WHEN PATSO WAKES UP, HE'S GOIN' TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIGGEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY THIS COUNTRY EVER SAW//
THE THREE MEN TOOK A MOMENT FROM THEIR HURRIED ESCAPE TO WATCH THE FINAL DETAIL IN THEIR MISSION... THEY ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF THE MOST DARING AS- [illegible] CONCEIVED SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR...
I GUESS THIS FINISHES OUR JOB/ I'LL SURE BE GLAD TO GET BACK TO THE STATES/
MAYBE THIS WILL GIVE EVERYBODY A LITTLE TIME TO TALK THINGS OVER/ I'D HATE TO SEE ONE OF THOSE BLOW UP ON U.S. SOIL//
AMEN/
END

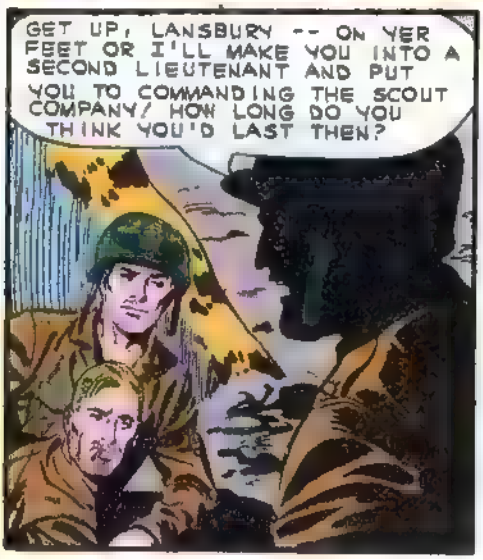
FORBIDDEN TRUCE

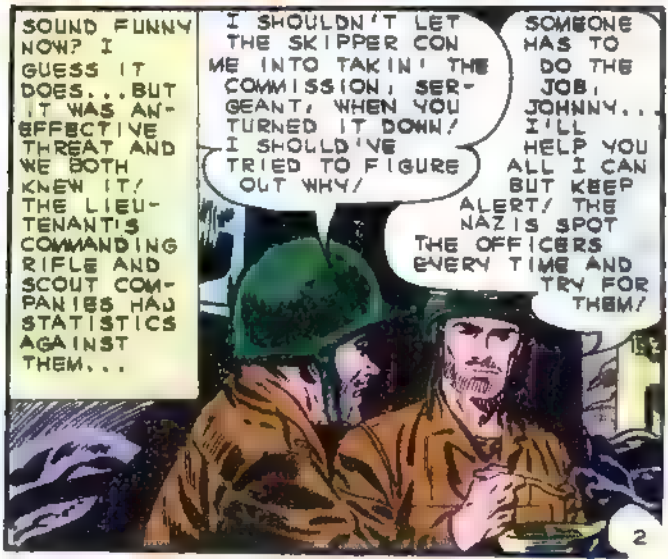
WE WERE ALL PRETTY PROUD TO BE IN A HARD-NOSED OUTFIT -- IN COMBAT, IT PAYS TO BE TOUGH AND WELL TRAINED -- YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT ALL OUT OR THE NAZI WHO DOES WILL WIND UP WALKING ON YOUR FACE/ OUR BATTALION COMMANDER, LT. COL. STEVE WEEMS, HAD HIS GERMAN ADVERSARY, HERR COLONEL ERNEST UNGHOFFER, GROGGY/ LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE DAY WE TOOK STE. DEPRES...IT WAS BITTER, BLOODY FIGHTING...I LOST FOUR MEN OUT OF MY SQUAD THAT MORNING...ONE OF THEM AN OLD BUDDY/ I'D BEEN IN COL. WEEMS' OUTFIT SINCE NORTH AFRICA, ALMOST TWO YEARS...I SHOULD'VE BEEN USED TO SEEING FRIENDS DIE...NOW, I DIDN'T EVEN STOP TO SEE IF I COULD COMFORT THEM IN THEIR LAST FEW SECONDS ON EARTH/


I GOT THE GUN, ALL RIGHT...WITH ALL THE PRACTICE I'D HAD, I KNEW HOW TO GO ABOUT THOSE THINGS...
RAFE? RAFE, C'N YA HELP ME NOW?
WHAM

THEN, THE SOLDIERIN' DONE FOR A MINUTE, I HAD TIME TO BE A HUMAN BEING AGAIN...
HERE, BUDDY -- SORRY I HAD TO PASS YOU UP BEFORE!

IN STEVE WEEMS' OUTFIT, YOU CAN'T EVER TAKE TIME OUT TO BE SOCIABLE, SARGE, I KNOW THAT!


GET UP, LANSBURY -- ON YER FEET OR I'LL MAKE YOU INTO A SECOND LIEUTENANT AND PUT YOU TO COMMANDING THE SCOUT COMPANY! HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'D LAST THEN?


SOUND FUNNY NOW? I GUESS IT DOES...BUT IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE THREAT AND WE BOTH KNEW IT! THE LIEUTENANT'S COMMANDING RIFLE AND SCOUT COMPANIES HAD STATISTICS AGAINST THEM...
I SHOULDN'T LET THE SKIPPER CON ME INTO TAKIN' THE COMMISSION, SERGEANT, WHEN YOU TURNED IT DOWN! I SHOULD'VE TRIED TO FIGURE OUT WHY!
SOMEONE HAS TO DO THE JOB, JOHNNY... I'LL HELP YOU ALL I CAN BUT KEEP ALERT! THE NAZIS SPOT THE OFFICERS EVERY TIME AND TRY FOR THEM!

THE COLONEL KNEW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE/ HE RARELY LET THE NAZIS HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT HIM OUT IN THE OPEN...BUT WE'D TAKEN THIS TOWN; IT WAS SECURE; AND HE HAD WORK TO DO/
WHERE'RE THE MEDICS? I WANT THE WOUNDED SHIPPED OUT OF THIS CRUMMY TOWN R.GHT NOW/ SERGEANT LANSBURY?
KLINKER; WATCH THE WINDOWS ON THE SECOND FLOOR/ SWEDE; GO IN THE DOOR...I'LL GO UP THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING/
I HAD MY OWN METHODS; DEVELOPED AFTER TAKING A DOZEN TOWNS LIKE THIS...I HAD 20 FEET OF MOUNTAIN-CLIMBERS' ROPE WITH A HOOK AND...
POW
POW POW
KLIK
BARROOM
DID HE GET PAST YOU?
NOPE...HE WENT UP AND OUT... HE'S AWAY BY NOW UNLESS SOME OF THE OTHERS GET HIM/

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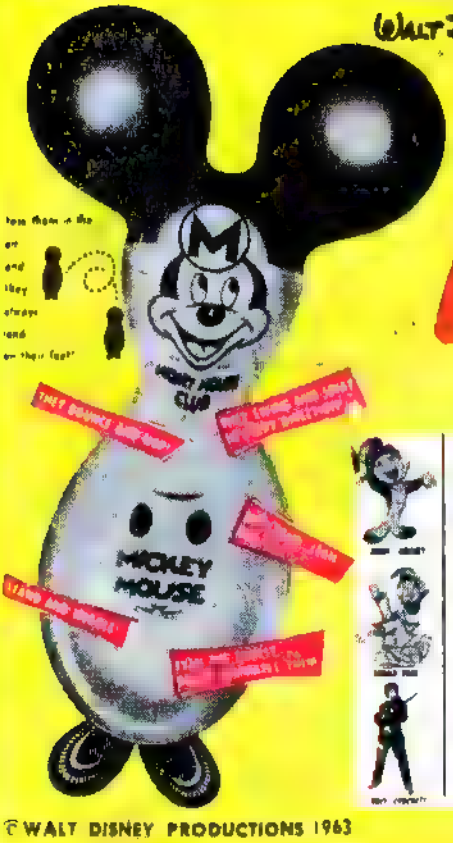

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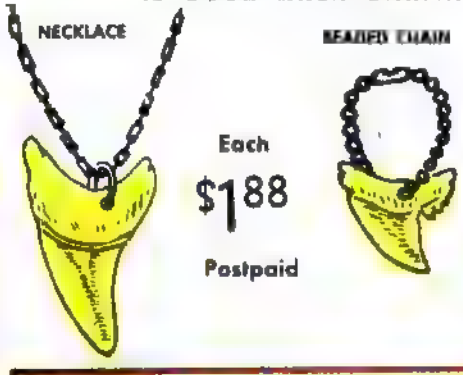

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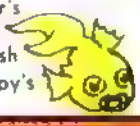

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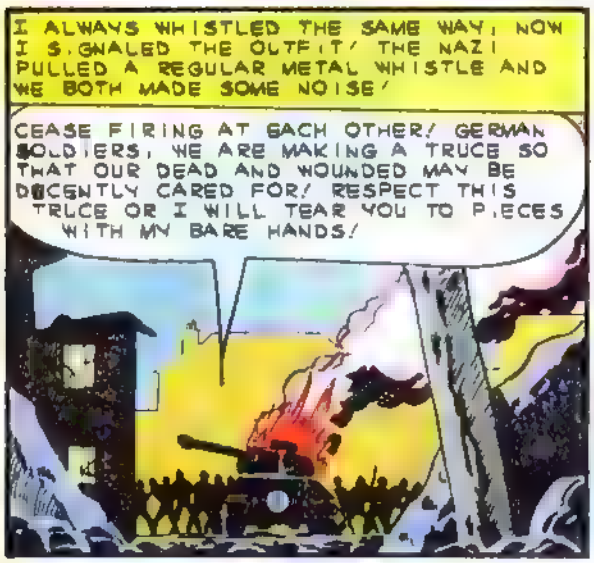
THE SUCKER SHOULD'VE KEPT GOIN'/
WHERE'S SERGEANT LANSBURY? THE GERMANS ARE COUNTER-ATTACKING IN FORCE...I WANT HIM TO CARRY OUT MY ORDERS/ FIND HIM, LIEUTENANT; TAKE YOUR ORDERS FROM HIM/
WHAM
THAT'S THE WAY THE COLONEL WANTED IT DONE/ I GOT DOWN OFF THE ROOF AND FOUND HIM WITH A BANDAGED SHOULDER; ON A STRETCHER, NICE AND SAFE INSIDE THE THICKEST-WALLED HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE...
SO THAT'S IT... YOU JUST TELL ME TO HOLD THE TOWN; THAT'S AN ORDER; AND THE REST IS UP TO ME/
USE THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES IN THE STREETS; USE TRIP-WIRES ON GRENADES; BOOBY-TRAPS; EVERY DIRTY TRICK THEY EVER PULLED ON US/
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO SMASH THE NAZIS/ LET 'EM GET INTO THE TOWN... TAKE OUT THE TANKS WITH THE BAZOOKAS AND ANTI-TANK GUNS; THEN RIP INTO THE INFANTRY/
KLANK KLANK

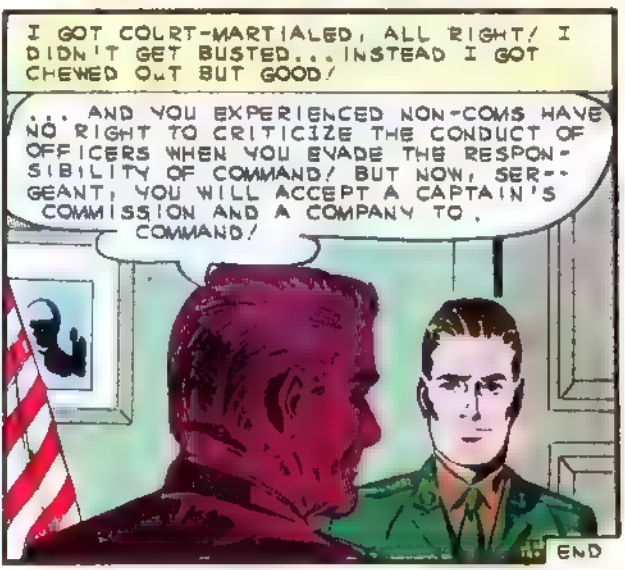
I KNEW WHAT HE WANTED AND I HAD A FEW IDEAS OF MY OWN...
THE WEAPONS COMPANY SET UP HEAVY M.G.S. AT THE EDGE OF TOWN/ I TOLD THEM TO HOLD THEIR FIRE...THEY'RE NOT TO BEGIN FIRING UNTIL THE NAZIS START THEIR RETREAT/ LET THE WHOLE BATTALION ENTER THE TOWN/
I'M PROUD OF YOU, LANSBURY/ YOU'RE WORSE THAN I AM/
SO, THE TANKS CAME...IN SILENCE FOR THE MOST PART, NOW THAT THE 88MM GUNS HAD STOPPED FIRING TO AVOID INJURING THEIR OWN TROOPS/
KLANK KLANK
HOW ABOUT IT, LANSBURY? WE GONNA JUST LET THEM CAPTURE THE TOWN AND US WITH IT?
DON'T HIT THE PANIC BUTTON, LIEUTENANT/ WE'RE ABOUT READY...
...NOW/ OPEN UP... GET THEM TANKS/ RIFLE GRENADES...USE EVERYTHING WE GOT/
I'D SEEN TOUGH FIGHTING AGAINST THE AFRIKA CORPS...AGAIN IN ITALY AT MONTE CASSINO... AND AT NORMANDIE BEACH/ BUT THIS WAS FAR WORSE/
WASSER, TO DRINK, HELP ME/
HE WANTS WATER...THEY ALL NEED HELP/ I HOPE COLONEL WEEMS IS SATISFIED WITH THE WORK I DID FOR HIM TODAY/

SANITY CAME TO ME IN A QUICK INSTANT IN A WORLD GONE MAD/ I SAW THE NAZI N.C.O., A TOUGH, BRUTAL LOOKING CUSTOMER AND I WAS RAISING MY THOMPSON, I HAD HIM COVERED... THEN I BARKED A QUERY/
I CAN STOP OUR GUYS...THEY'LL LISTEN TO ME/ HOW ABOUT YOU?
JA, THAT IS THE BEST FOR ALL/ TOGETHER, WE ALL STOP/


I ALWAYS WHISTLED THE SAME WAY; NOW I SIGNALED THE OUTFIT/ THE NAZI PULLED A REGULAR METAL WHISTLE AND WE BOTH MADE SOME NOISE/
CEASE FIRING AT EACH OTHER/ GERMAN SOLDIERS, WE ARE MAKING A TRUCE SO THAT OUR DEAD AND WOUNDED MAY BE DECENTLY CARED FOR/ RESPECT THIS TRUCE OR I WILL TEAR YOU TO PIECES WITH MY BARE HANDS/

FIRE ON THEM, YOU FOOL/ WIPE THEM OUT -- THEY ARE A CRACK...
HE'S ONLY GOT A BRUISED SHOULDER, RAFE...HE'S BEEN NICE AND SAFE WHILE THE REST OF YOU GOT CLOBBERED/ HE'S A REAL MEAN MAN...AN' CHICKEN TO BOOT/

...AND YOU'VE BEEN RELIEVED BY A COMPETENT OFFICER WHO HASN'T TURNED INTO A PSYCHOPATH AFTER TOO LONG A TIME KILLIN' MEN/


I GOT COURT-MARTIALED, ALL RIGHT/ I DIDN'T GET BUSTED...INSTEAD I GOT CHEWED OUT BUT GOOD/
... AND YOU EXPERIENCED NON-COMS HAVE NO RIGHT TO CRITICIZE THE CONDUCT OF OFFICERS WHEN YOU EVADE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMAND/ BUT NOW, SER-- GEANT, YOU WILL ACCEPT A CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION AND A COMPANY TO COMMAND/
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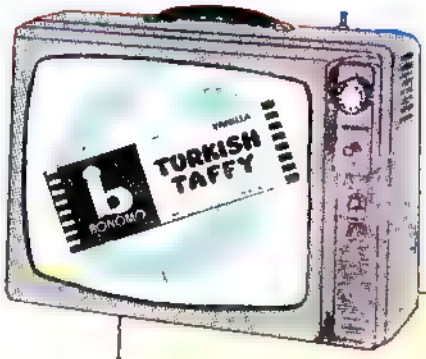

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VIGI THE VICTORIOUS

In the late nineteen twenties and early nineteen thirties, the National Research Institute of History and Philogoy carried on excavations in different parts of China. There were discovered thousands of well preserved bones on which still remained ancient Chinese inscriptions. Many of these were found in ancient tombs. However there was definite opposition to this type of "Research." And the chairman of the Examination Yuan, one of the highest officials of the Chinese Government at that time, sent a circular telegram to various leaders. He urged that the government prohibit the excavation of ancient tombs at once. He claimed that grave robbing was formerly punished by cutting the offender into thin slices. So what difference if these modern grave robbers call themselves "scientists"? Should they not also be punished?

At this very same time private people were putting into the market for sale many of these preserved bones which now all called "oracle bones." From them much has been learned about the history of Ancient China. And where possible checked against other historical sources of information. This is the story of a man called "Vigi the Victorious." Now the name "Vigi" is not Chinese name to the best of our information. However in ancient times there were many different people in the vast area we now call China. There were the Hans, who make up the bulk of the Chinese people. The there were the Manchus who were practically assimilated by the Hans at the downfall of the Ching or Manchu Dynasty. And add to them the Mongolians, the Mohammedans and the Tibetians. Not forgetting the Miaos who were scattered in the Southwest.

Professor Hu Shih is of the opinion that "Vigi the Victorious" is the same man called "General Wang" five decades later in the writings of Lung T'wun. Dr. Henry Sing is of a different opinion and claims these are two separate men. Be that as it may, we will stick to the story as told in the "Oracle Bones" and let the experts argue among themselves.

The father of Vigi was a trader and he would bring his wares to the now extinct city of Mao Ching. Probably the father was a member of one of the various tribes living just on the Eastern fringe of the border of Ancient China. His son would go with him on these trips. But the period was not a peaceful one. The power of the Ruler of China was declining and his forces were continually fighting both at home and abroad. Which left both cities and agricultural areas often undefended.

P'an Keng was the leader of a large group of bandits. He had dreams of extending his power and of ruling a vast area of territory. His method was simple and direct. He would send in a small force of his men and they would kill and terrorize the area. Then he would demand tribute and surrender. And on the very day that Vigi and his father were in the city of Mao Ching such an occurence took place. The son was inside a shop talking to the owner. The father was outside unloading his wares to be displayed.

Suddenly there was noise, shouts and then a dreadful silence. When the son went out he found his father dead with other corpses surrounding him. The son was stunned and the owner of the shop did his best to comfort the orphaned youth.

"These are bad times," he sighed. "It was not this way when I was your age. We shall bury your father and you may then mourn him with proper respect."

"My father's death shall be avenged," replied Vigi.

"Be careful of what you say for you can not tell whose ears will hear those words. P'an Keng has his spies in this city," was the friendly warning he received.

"I wish to see those who have lost their be loved ones at the hands of this cruel bandit," was the demand of Vigi.

By nightfall Vigi had met with a group of some thirty young men about his age. The meeting was in a deserted warehouse. He outlined

his plans to them. They would call themselves the "Mourners." With knives they would go outside of the city where the group of bandits were encamped. Kill them as they slept. Then take their arms and horses. And that is exactly what they did. But the elders of the city were now terrified.

"For this deed P'an Keng will kill all of us," they told Vigi.

"Which leaves you no choice but to fight. For with me you may have a chance to live," he replied.

When P'an Keng heard of what had happened to his men he was furious. So he sent five hundred of his men to teach the city a lesson. They rode through deserted streets. And then from the roofs of the single storied buildings-youths and older men jumped upon the riders and forced them to the ground. It was a bloody struggle but at the end Vigi and his men were the winners. And P'an Keng had made a disastrous military mistake. He had divided his forces. We know that another battle took place and this bandit was captured. But he and his men were not executed nor tortured.

"Whatever they destroyed they shall work to rebuild or repay," was the verdict of Vigi.

Which means in modern terminology they were turned into sort of slaves. By this time the Duke of Chan, who was responsible for the safety of the city and territory, had heard of the fighting. He should have been pleased and perhaps in fiction he would have rewarded the Victorious Vigi. And given him the hand of his youngest daughter in marriage. But he was angered, perhaps jealous, and didn't know exactly what to do. So he did the wrong thing and demanded that Vigi and his men surrender to him. Otherwise he would send his force into the city to punish the people.

Vigi called a meeting of his small but efficient fighting force and spoke some sense to them.

"The Duke did not protect us as ordered by the Emperor. For defending ourselves he will punish us. Again we have no choice but to fight."

Now notice the change that took place. Vigi started out to avenge the death of his father. Now he finds himself up against the ruler of the territory. How to increase his fighting force? He did what others did in the past. Made a "deal" with the enemy he had just defeated. And thus it came that P'an Keng and the those of his men left, joined forces with Vigi and his men. At this point Vigi begins to show that he is a military genius. He plans his next moves very carefully. And so he uses a trick that will be used time over in the future:

He sends a small mounted force to confront the army of the Duke of Chan. There is a brief encounter and they are pursued. And they lead the enemy into a trap. When it is over the Duke of Chan no longer has an army. And he is terrified when he received an ultimatum to surrender. He is promised mercy and he really has no choice but to yield. When he meets his conquror he points out the obvious:

"In fighting me you have challenged the Emperor himself. His forces will come and wipe you off the face of this earth."

The leader of the defeated forces of the Duke of Chan was one T'ing Jou. Again a "deal" is made and now Vigi had a good fighting force. It is true that everyone likes a winner. And others were soon flocking to the standard of 'Vigi The Victorious." The Emperor sends an army to fight this "Rebel" if that is the term you want to use at this point. Again Vigi plans very carefully his next military move. This army of the Emperor will have to take a route through a canyon.

"We permit them to enter and then block the entrance and the exit. They can starve, surrender, or we can pick them off at our leisure," is the plan he tells his leaders. By this time both P'an Keng and T'ing Jou realize they have picked a 'winner." And this military plan of entrapment is executed faultlessly. In fact it is P'an Keng who brings the demand for surrender to the trapped forces. And he cleverly points out they can join up with 'Vigi the Victorious."

The Emperor is not frightened. He offers all kinds of rewards and promises to Vigi. He will even give him command of the entire forces of the nation, gold, castles, and whatever else is demanded. But it is T'ing Jou who makes the suggestion.

"The Emperor would merely wait until he has lulled you into a sense of security and then have you killed. You have no choice but to be-Emperor yourself."

There is a battle that turns into a route for the forces of the Emperor. And when it is over, China has a new ruler and a new dynasty. And for some forty odd years he is complete ruler of China until his death. He spends time in the field fighting those from outside his border who would challenge his position. He appointed wise and learned men to administer the internal affairs of his country. It is even claimed that he was the originator of the phrase: "The price of Peace is Eternal Vigilance and a good fighting army." Which is not exactly original because it is a basic truth of life. Well did he deserve the name of Vigi the Victorious.

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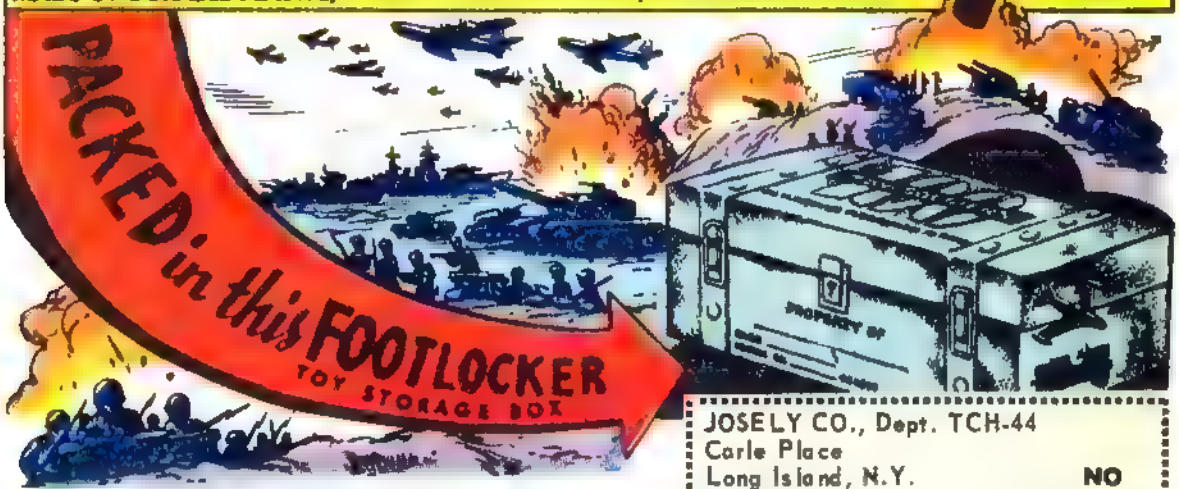

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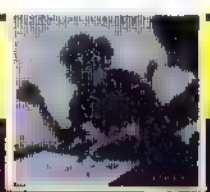

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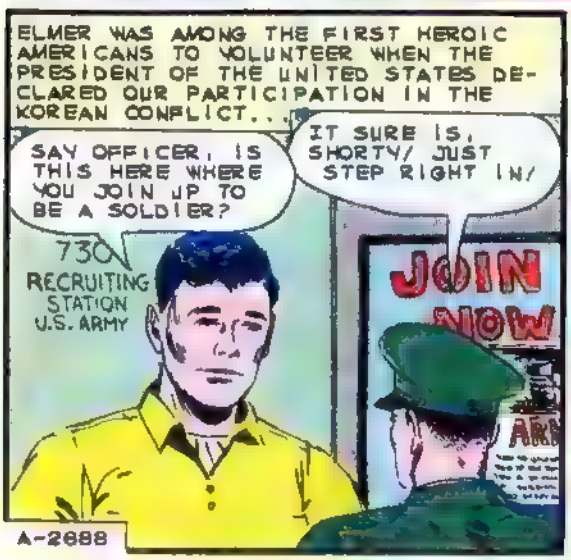
ELMER WAS AMONG THE FIRST HEROIC AMERICANS TO VOLUNTEER WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARED OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT...
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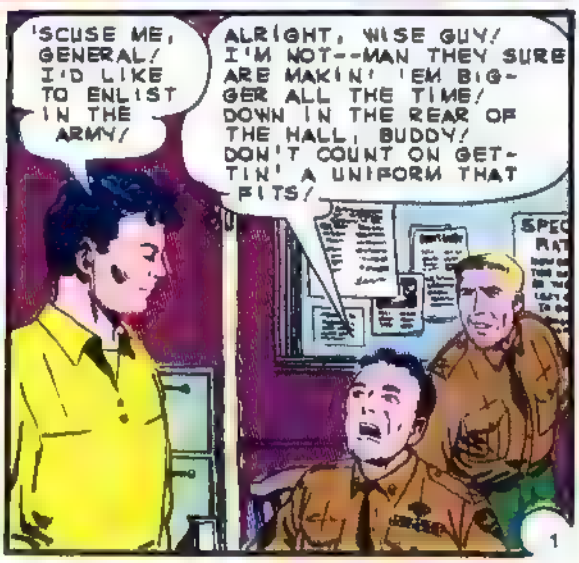
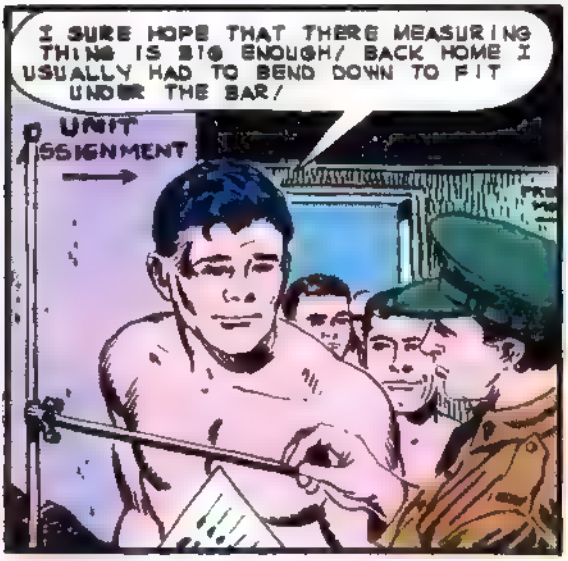
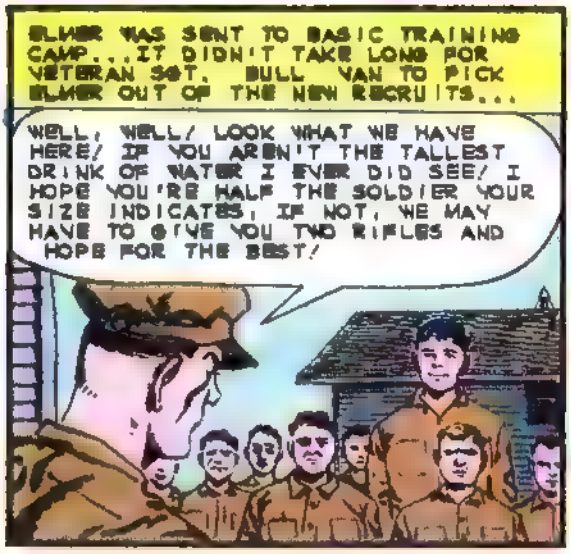
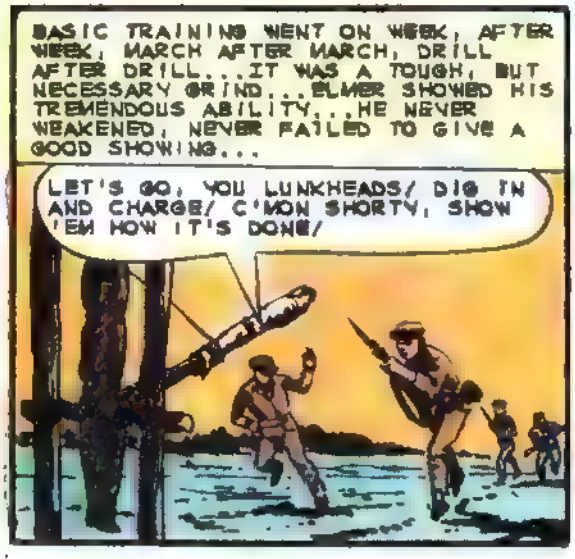

'SCUSE ME, GENERAL! I'D LIKE TO ENLIST IN THE ARMY!
ALRIGHT, WISE GUY! I'M NOT--MAN THEY SURE ARE MAKIN' 'EM BIGGER ALL THE TIME! DOWN IN THE REAR OF THE HALL, BUDDY! DON'T COUNT ON GETTIN' A UNIFORM THAT FITS!


I SURE HOPE THAT THERE MEASURING THING IS BIG ENOUGH/ BACK HOME I USUALLY HAD TO BEND DOWN TO FIT UNDER THE BAR/
UNIT ASSIGNMENT

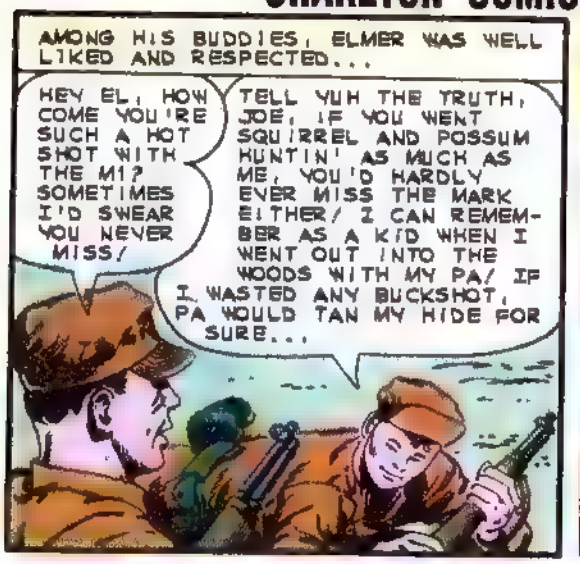
YOU JUST MADE IT, SON/ SIX FEET SIX 'S AS BIG AS WE'LL TAKE 'EM/ DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTS/
YOU MEAN ANOTHER HALF INCH AND I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A SOLDIER, DOC? I'M REAL GLAD I'M THE SHORTEST ONE OF MY BROTHERS/ THEY'RE GONNA BE REAL DIS-APPOINTED...


ELMER WAS SENT TO BASIC TRAINING CAMP...IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR VETERAN SGT. BULL VAN TO PICK ELMER OUT OF THE NEW RECRUITS...
WELL, WELL/ LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE/ IF YOU AREN'T THE TALLEST DRINK OF WATER I EVER DID SEE/ I HOPE YOU'RE HALF THE SOLDIER YOUR SIZE INDICATES, IF NOT, WE MAY HAVE TO GIVE YOU TWO RIFLES AND HOPE FOR THE BEST/

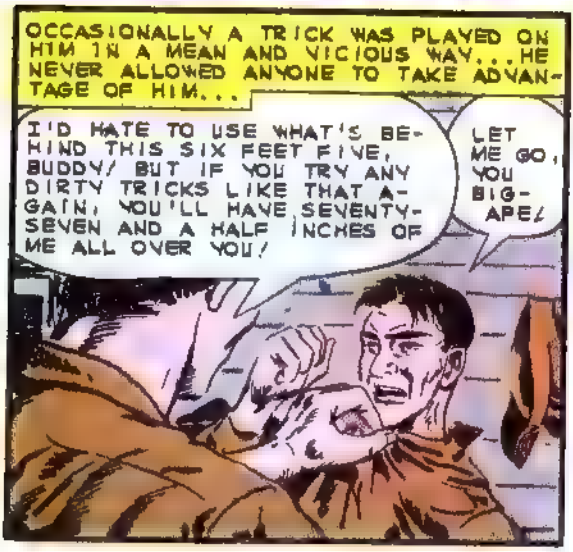
BACK HOME, SARGE, I WAS KNOWN AS A PRETTY GOOD SCRAPPER...
YOU'RE NOT BACK HOME NOW, SOLDIER/ AND THE FIRST THING YOU LEARN IS NOT TO OPEN YOUR BIG MOUTH/ SECOND THING IS THE WORD, SER-GEANT/

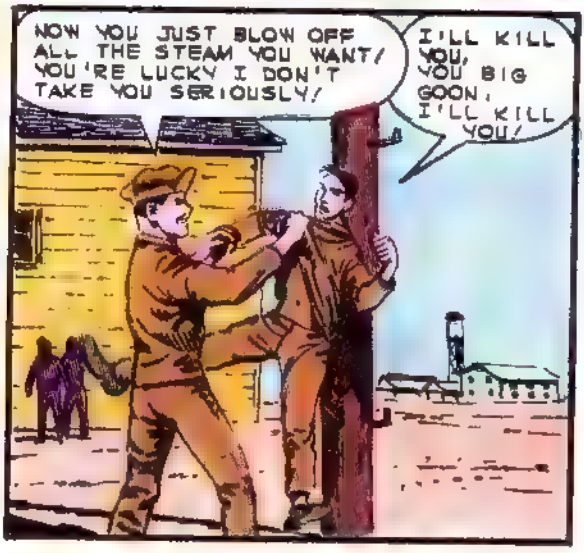

BASIC TRAINING WENT ON WEEK, AFTER WEEK, MARCH AFTER MARCH, DRILL AFTER DRILL...IT WAS A TOUGH, BUT NECESSARY GRIND...ELMER SHOWED HIS TREMENDOUS ABILITY...HE NEVER WEAKENED, NEVER FAILED TO GIVE A GOOD SHOWING...
LET'S GO, YOU LUNKHEADS/ DIG IN AND CHARGE/ C'MON SHORTY, SHOW 'EM HOW IT'S DONE/

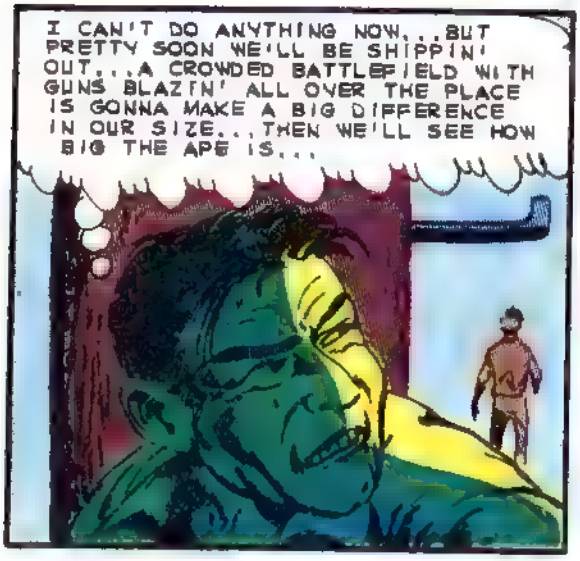
STOP TICKLING THOSE TRIGGERS, MEN/ I WANNA SEE NOTHIN' BUT BULLSEYES/ THAT' A BOY, ELMER/ TEN FOR TEN/
I WISH THOSE TARGETS WERE THE REAL THING/ SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF WASTED LEAD, WHEN I COULD BE KNOCKIN' OFF THOSE COMMIES/

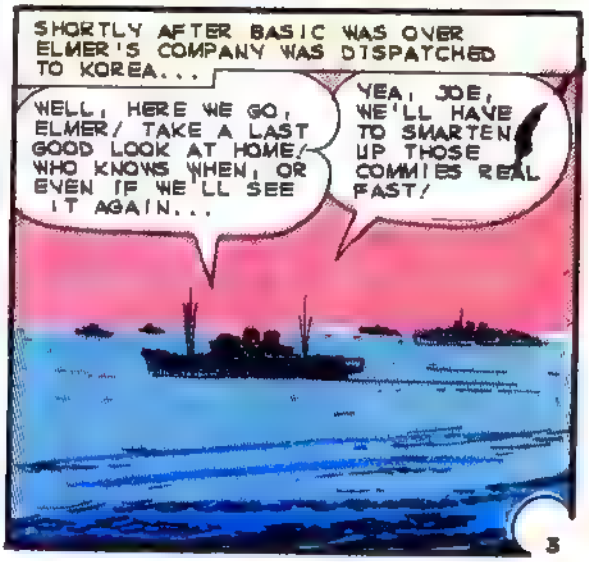

AMONG HIS BUDDIES, ELMER WAS WELL LIKED AND RESPECTED...
HEY EL, HOW COME YOU'RE SUCH A HOT SHOT WITH THE M1? SOMETIMES I'D SWEAR YOU NEVER MISS/
TELL YUH THE TRUTH, JOE, IF YOU WENT SQUIRREL AND POSSUM HUNTIN' AS MUCH AS ME, YOU'D HARDLY EVER MISS THE MARK EITHER/ I CAN REMEMBER AS A KID WHEN I WENT OUT INTO THE WOODS WITH MY PA/ IF I WASTED ANY BUCKSHOT, PA WOULD TAN MY HIDE FOR SURE...

ELMER TOOK HIS SHARE OF RIBBING... GENERALLY IT WAS MEANT IN A FRIENDLY, GOOD-NATURED WAY...AND ELMER TOOK IT AS SUCH...
DON'T WAKE HIM, NED/
BEWARE OF DOGS


OCCASIONALLY A TRICK WAS PLAYED ON HIM IN A MEAN AND VICIOUS WAY...HE NEVER ALLOWED ANYONE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM...
I'D HATE TO USE WHAT'S BEHIND THIS SIX FEET FIVE, BUDDY/ BUT IF YOU TRY ANY DIRTY TRICKS LIKE THAT AGAIN, YOU'LL HAVE SEVENTY-SEVEN AND A HALF INCHES OF ME ALL OVER YOU/
LET ME GO, YOU BIG-APE/


NOW YOU JUST BLOW OFF ALL THE STEAM YOU WANT/ YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY/
I'LL KILL YOU, YOU BIG GOON. I'LL KILL YOU/


I CAN'T DO ANYTHING NOW...BUT PRETTY SOON WE'LL BE SHIPPIN' OUT...A CROWDED BATTLEFIELD WITH GUNS BLAZIN' ALL OVER THE PLACE IS GONNA MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN OUR SIZE...THEN WE'LL SEE HOW BIG THE APE IS...


SHORTLY AFTER BASIC WAS OVER ELMER'S COMPANY WAS DISPATCHED TO KOREA...
WELL, HERE WE GO, ELMER/ TAKE A LAST GOOD LOOK AT HOME/ WHO KNOWS WHEN, OR EVEN IF WE'LL SEE IT AGAIN...
YEA, JOE, WE'LL HAVE TO SMARTEN UP THOSE COMMIES REAL FAST/

FIGHTIN' ARMY

ELMER'S TROOP LANDED AT PUSAN...IT DIDN'T TAKE VERY LONG TO DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRAINING CAMP AND WAR...FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THE FIGHTING WAS BRUTAL...THE TOUGH, LION-HEARTED GIS WERE UP AGAINST A STUBBORN, INNUMERABLE ENEMY...WAVE AFTER WAVE OF CHINESE SOLDIERS CHARGED AT THE IMMOVABLE LINE OF AMERICAN DEFENSE...

TAK A TAT TAKA TAT TAT

ELMER'S GALLANT BRAVERY ENCOURAGED THE MEN AROUND HIM...

I'LL BET PA AND THE BOYS WOULD BE PROUD OF THE FAMILY BABY, NOW/

LOOK AT THAT ELMER/ C'MON, FELLAS, LET'S GET THE OTHER TANK/

BLANG

THIS ISN'T MUCH TOUGHER THAN GRABBIN' OFF WILD DUCK/ EXCEPT I NEVER SAW A DUCK SHOOT BACK/ AT LEAST I GOT A BIGGER TARGET...

HIT THE DIRT, MEN/ STRAFER/

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

'BOUT HALF A MILE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS RIDGE IS A SMALL PLATEAU/ SOMEWHERE ALONG THERE THE ENEMY HAS A NEAT LITTLE ROAD THEY'RE USIN' TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES/ I WANT YOU THREE T' GET ON OVER THERE FAST AS YOU CAN/ PINPOINT THEIR POSITION AND RADIO BACK TO ARTILLERY...

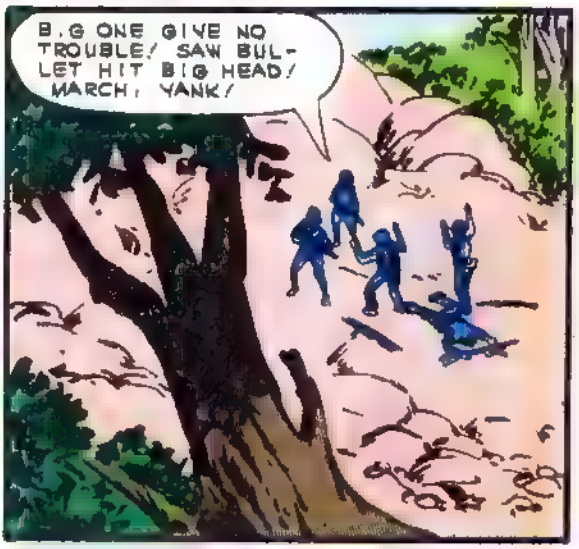
LONG AS WE'RE GOIN' T' BE THERE, SARGE, WHY WASTE ALL THOSE GOOD SHELLS? I'M SURE WE CAN MESS UP THE ROAD PLENTY...

LISTEN, ELMER, I KNOW HOW IT BREAKS YOUR THRIFTY HEART TO WASTE AMMUNITION, BUT JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD/ MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, THERE'S A GOOD REASON WHY WE WEREN'T ORDERED TO DEMOLISH THE ROAD...

THE THREE MEN STARTED OUT ON THEIR MISSION...
I DON'T SEE WHY THE FLY BOYS COULDN'T SPOT THE CRUMMY ROAD, INSTEAD OF US CRAWLIN' ALL OVER THIS ROCK PILE THEY CALL A MOUNTAIN/
REMEMBER WHAT THE SERGEANT SAID, JOE/ MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, THERE'S A GOOD REASON/

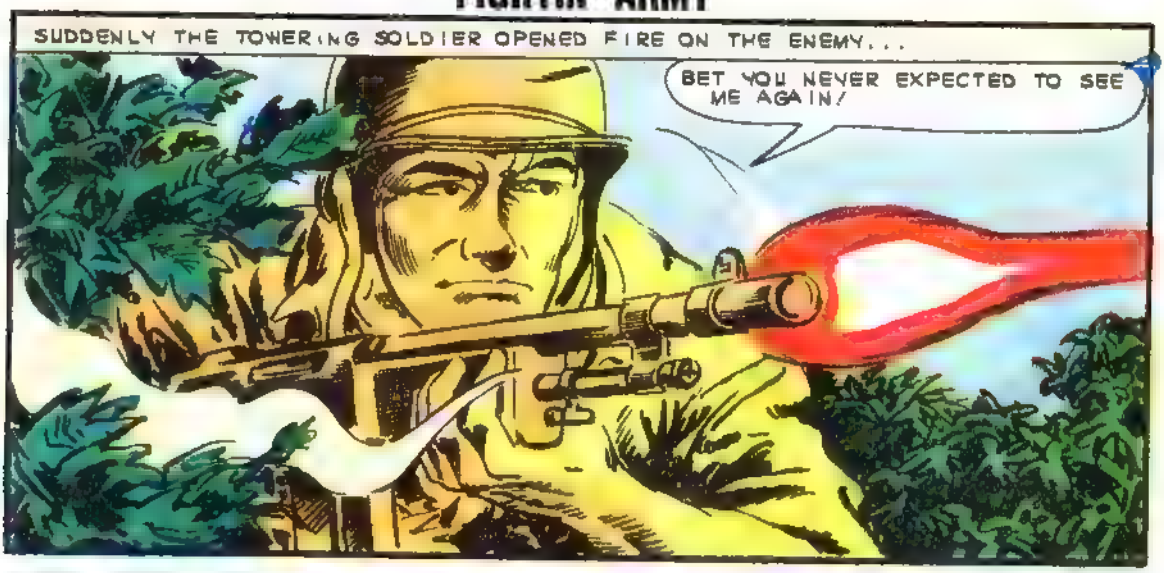
CROLL, I KNOW THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU T' GET EVEN WITH ME/ BUT FOR THE SAKE OF GETTIN' THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, WAIT TIL WE GET BACK/ I'LL HAVE ENOUGH T' KEEP ME BUSY WITHOUT HAVIN' ONE EYE ON YOU ALL THE TIME...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, SHORTY//

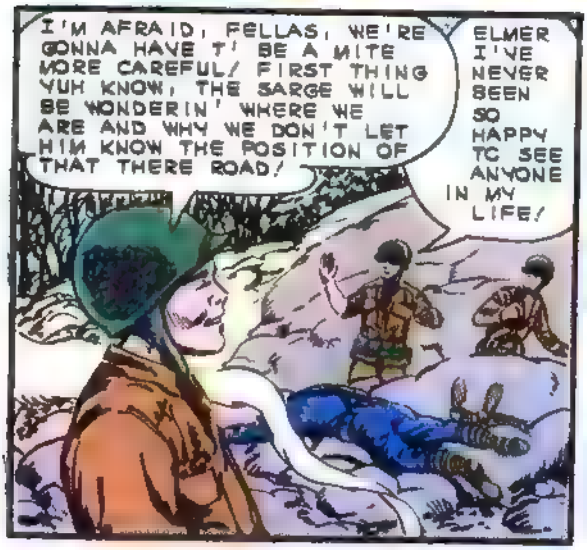
SUDDENLY...THE GIS STARED INTO COMMIE RIFLE BARRELS...
YANK TALK SO MUCH, NOT SEE WHAT GO ON IN FRONT OF NOSE/
THEY GOT ELMER//
KRAK

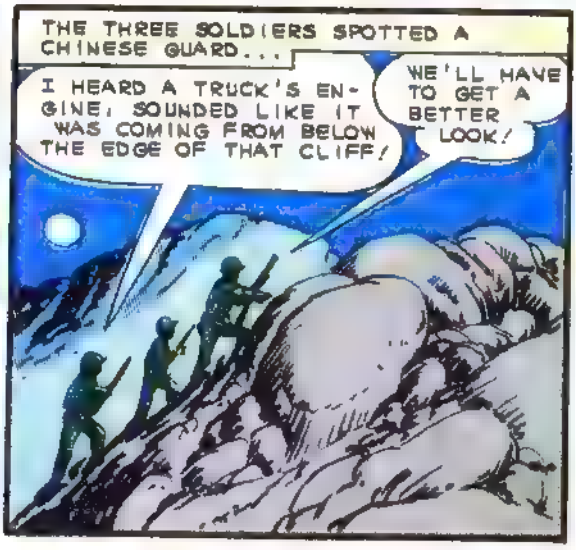

B.G ONE GIVE NO TROUBLE/ SAW BULLET HIT BIG HEAD/ MARCH, YANK/

THE FIRST MISTAKES THOSE COMMIES MADE WAS NOT TAKIN' THIS SWEET LITTLE B.A.R. MAN, THOSE GUYS SURE LEFT TRACKS/ FOLLOWIN' THEM WOULD BE EASY AS TRACKIN' A WOLF PACK IN THE SNOW...

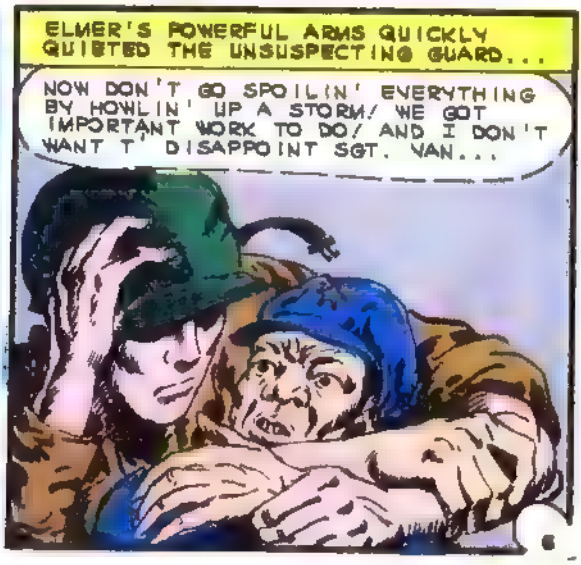
ELMER QUICKLY CAUGHT UP WITH HIS BUDDIES...
YOU SEE SIZE OF BIG ONE I SHOOT? NEVER SEE SO BIG BEFORE? MAYBE SEVEN, EIGHT FEET/ GOOD THING WE LEAVE/ HE VERY HEAVY TO CARRY IF WOUNDED/
SURE WAS A GOOD THING MY CHINESE FRIEND... OTHERWISE I MIGHT NOT BE HERE NOW...


SUDDENLY THE TOWERING SOLDIER OPENED FIRE ON THE ENEMY...
BET YOU NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE ME AGAIN!

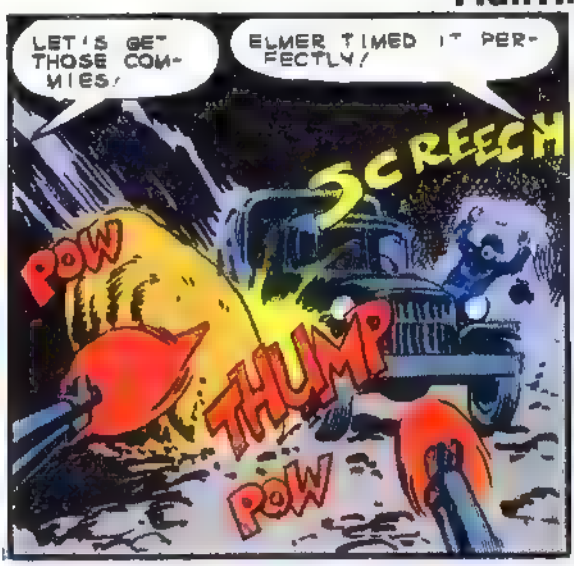

I'M AFRAID, FELLAS, WE'RE GONNA HAVE T' BE A MITE MORE CAREFUL! FIRST THING YUH KNOW, THE SARGE WILL BE WONDERIN' WHERE WE ARE AND WHY WE DON'T LET HIM KNOW THE POSITION OF THAT THERE ROAD!
ELMER I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY TO SEE ANYONE IN MY LIFE!

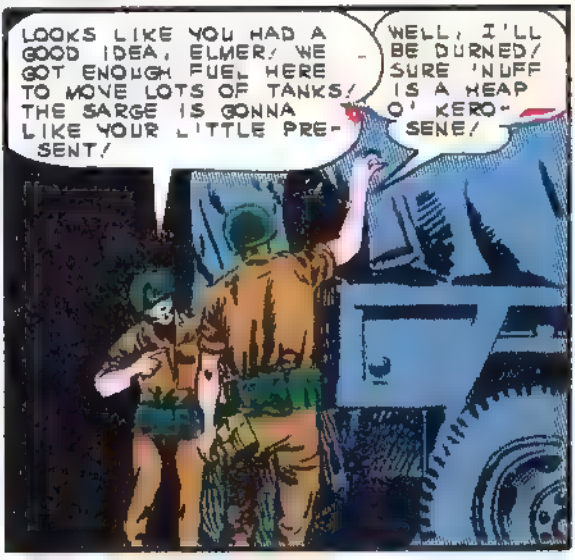

THE THREE SOLDIERS SPOTTED A CHINESE GUARD...
I HEARD A TRUCK'S ENGINE, SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS COMING FROM BELOW THE EDGE OF THAT CLIFF!
WE'LL HAVE TO GET A BETTER LOOK!

SIT TIGHT! WE DON'T WANNA MAKE A LOT OF NOISE AND WAKE UP A BUNCH O' UNFRIENDLY GUYS DOWN THERE! I'LL KINDA QUIETLY TAKE CARE OF THE GUARD!

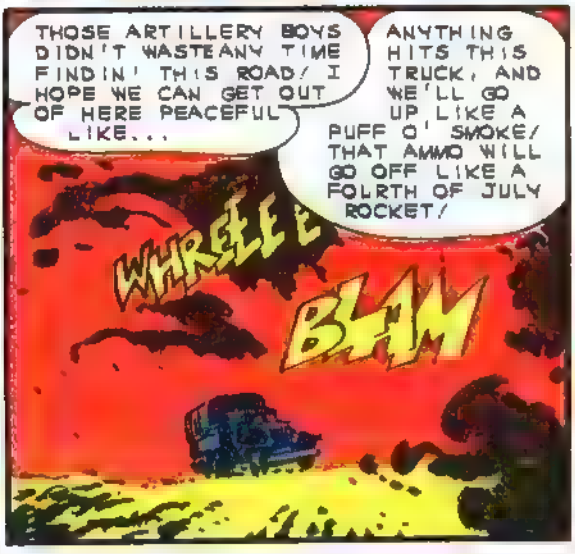

ELMER'S POWERFUL ARMS QUICKLY QUIETED THE UNSUSPECTING GUARD...
NOW DON'T GO SPOILIN' EVERYTHING BY HOWLIN' UP A STORM! WE GOT IMPORTANT WORK TO DO! AND I DON'T WANT T' DISAPPOINT SGT. VAN...

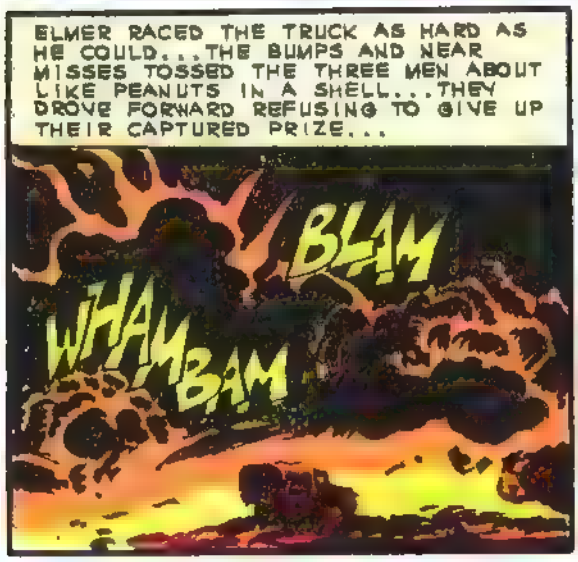
I GUESS WE FOUND THE RIGHT PLACE/ LET'S DROP BACK AND RAD.O THE INFORMATION/
NOW HOLD ON A M.NUTE/ I'VE BEEN THINKIN'/ THE SARGE SAID NOT T' MESS UP THE ROAD OURSELVES, BUT I CAN'T SEE ANY REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T RIDE BACK INSTEAD OF WALK-IN'/ I'M SURE THERE'S SOME STUFF IN THE BACK O' ONE OF THEM TRUCKS OUR BOYS COULD MAKE USE OF...
YOU TWO AMBLE DOWN TO THE ROAD/ I'LL TOSS A BOLDER DOWN WHEN THE NEXT TRUCK COMES BY/ BETWEEN US WE OUGHT T' BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE DRIVER AND HIS ESCORT/
I'M WITH YOU, EL/ THIS WALKIN' IT'S TOUGH ON THE SHOE LEATHER/
YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THAT ROCK? IT LOOKS PRETTY HEAVY TO ME/
DON'T YOU WORRY NONE, NOW/ BACK HOME WE USED HEAVIER PEBBLES THAN THIS TO TOSS AT RABBITS/
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DO-IN'/
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS END/ YOU TWO STAY OUT OF SIGHT 'TIL THE TRUCK STOPS/
ELMER'S HUGE, POWERFUL FRAME STOOD POISED ON THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF...HE WAITED FOR THE ENEMY TRUCK TO COME CLOSER...PVTS. JOE TAYLOR AND AL CROLL HUDDLED BEHIND A ROCK LISTENING FOR THE SOUND OF SCREECHING BRAKES...
WHAT'S HE WAITIN' FOR? THEY'RE GET-TIN' CLOSER/
C'MON, ELMER/ DO YOUR STUFF/




LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD A GOOD IDEA, ELMER! WE GOT ENOUGH FUEL HERE TO MOVE LOTS OF TANKS! THE SARGE IS GONNA LIKE YOUR LITTLE PRESENT!
WELL, I'LL BE DURNED! SURE 'NUFF IS A HEAP O' KEROSENE!

LET'S GET THIS THING STARTED AND HEAD FOR HOME! IT'S GETTIN' LIGHT! I WOULDN'T APPRECIATE HAVIN' ANY MORE TRUCKS CATCHIN' UP TO THIS ONE!..
EVERGREEN TO FOREST! POSITION LOCATED AT 72 WEST...


THOSE ARTILLERY BOYS DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME FINDIN' THIS ROAD! I HOPE WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE PEACEFUL LIKE...
ANYTHING HITS THIS TRUCK, AND WE'LL GO UP LIKE A PUFF O' SMOKE! THAT AMMO WILL GO OFF LIKE A FOURTH OF JULY ROCKET!
WHREEE
BLAM


ELMER RACED THE TRUCK AS HARD AS HE COULD...THE BUMPS AND NEAR MISSES TOSSED THE THREE MEN ABOUT LIKE PEANUTS IN A SHELL...THEY DROVE FORWARD REFUSING TO GIVE UP THEIR CAPTURED PRIZE...
BLAM
WHAM
BAM

FINALLY...
I GUESS WE MADE IT FELLAS! WON'T THE SARGE BE SURPRISED WHEN WE ROLL UP WITH OUR LITTLE GIFT!
WHEW../ I SHOULDA' STUCK TO WALKIN'! IT'S A LOT SAFER THAN THE ROLLER RIDE WE JUST HAD!

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FIGHTIN' ARMY

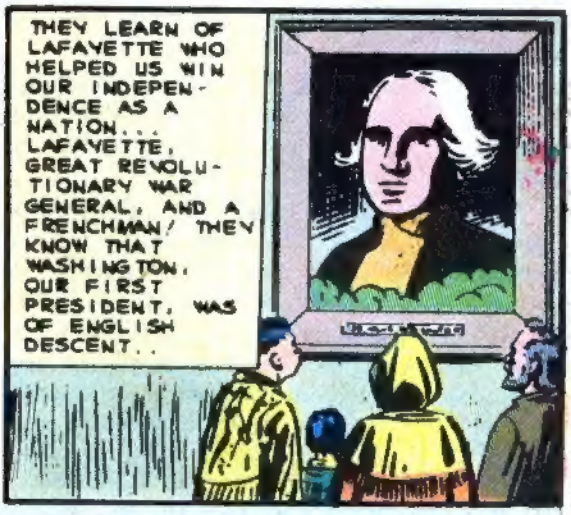
AS THE TRUCK NEARED THEIR COMPANY'S POSITION...
COMMIE TRUCK APPROACHIN' MEN/ LET 'EM HAVE EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT/
HEY, YOU GUYS/ IT'S US/ STOP SHOOTIN'/
HOLD ON A MINUTE, FELLAS/ WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY/
HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN/ IT'S ELMER/ THERE'S NO CHINESE IN THE WORLD AS BIG AS THAT/
GEE, SARGE/ THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I'D CONSIDER THE FRIENDLIEST GREETIN' I EVER GOT/
YOU CRAZY, OVERGROWN IDIOT/ WHAT ARE YOU TRYIN' T' DO, GET YOURSELF KILLED? WHAT'S THE IDEA OF ROLLIN' IN WITH A COMMIE SUPPLY TRUCK?
WELL, SARG WE WERE GETTIN' A TRIPLE TIRED SO I KINDA FIGURED THERE'D BE NO HARM HITCHIN' A LIFT IN...AN I BROUGHT YUH A SOUVENIER/ ITS A WHOLE HEAP O' BEAUTIFUL FUEL/
PUSAN, SEOUL, OLD BALDIE, BATTLEFIELD RIDGE...THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE KOREAN CAMPAIGN, IN THE THICK OF HEAVY FIGHTING...ONE SOLDIER COULD ALWAYS BE SEEN HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST...A RUGGED FIGHTING MAN WHO WAS WORTH AN ENTIRE ENEMY COMPANY FOR EVERY LAST BIG HALF INCH...
WHUMP
END

STRENGTH OF A NATION

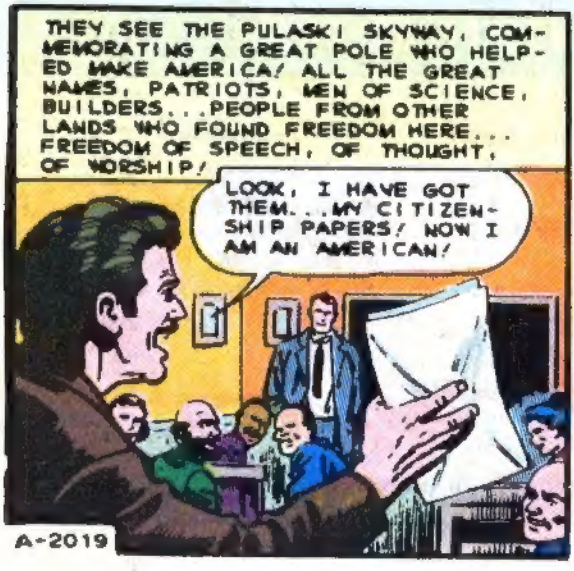
THE STRENGTH OF A NATION LIES IN ITS PEOPLE! HERE, IN OUR COUNTRY, THE MELTING POT OF THE WORLD, FREEDOM HAS GIVEN OUR PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONALITIES, COLOR AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, A STRENGTH BEYOND BELIEF! OUR COUNTRY HAS NO FOREIGNERS...ONLY FREE AMERICANS!

FROM ALL COUNTRIES THEY COME TO OUR FREE SHORES WHERE ALL MEN ARE EQUAL!

THEY LEARN OF LAFAYETTE WHO HELPED US WIN OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION... LAFAYETTE, GREAT REVOLUTIONARY WAR GENERAL, AND A FRENCHMAN! THEY KNOW THAT WASHINGTON, OUR FIRST PRESIDENT, WAS OF ENGLISH DESCENT..



THEY SEE THE PULASKI SKYWAY, COMMEMORATING A GREAT POLE WHO HELPED MAKE AMERICA! ALL THE GREAT NAMES, PATRIOTS, MEN OF SCIENCE, BUILDERS...PEOPLE FROM OTHER LANDS WHO FOUND FREEDOM HERE... FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OF THOUGHT, OF WORSHIP!



YES, THIS IS THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION...ITS PEOPLE, THOSE PEOPLE WHO COME FROM EVERY LAND SEEKING FREEDOM AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE!

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"DYNAFLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more dates than I can handle! I am telling all my pals about DYNAFLEX." F. S., Chicago, Ill.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—bony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do girls laugh and fellows grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have the girls gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, unhandsome FAT? Puny muscles—sagging stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBERY? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fella! THIS IS IT! I will peel off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like rolled steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your arms and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic SUPER-BODY SEX-APPEAL girls are hungry for. And with NO starvation diets—NO fatiguing calisthenics—NO expensive health-foods!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crush" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights. DYNAFLEX causes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetry. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thrilling "DYNAFLEXING" each muscle once a day!

There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method . . . but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN SEX-APPEAL ATTRACTS GIRLS

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Girls go for a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE SEX-APPEAL . . . and they only laugh at skinny guys or "finks".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and thrilling stamina that will have girls falling at your feet.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. You, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN-MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when the girls crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

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